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FOR S/NM

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SNAR, TH
SUBJ: BANGKOK METROPOLITAN HEALTH DEPARTMENT DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT
AND TRAINING PROPOSAL

REF: STATE 259849

1. RE PARA 1. REFTEL, USAID/T PREPARING DRAFT PROAG WHICH CONFIRMS
TO GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY S.NM. COPY OF THIS DRAFT WILL BE FORWARDED
TO S/NM FOR REVIEW BEFORE WE PRESENT IT TO BMHD.

2. U.S. VERSUS IN-COUNTRY TRAINING (PARA 1.A. REFTEL)
BMHD PROJECT MANAGER CONSIDERS U.S. TRAINING ESSENTIAL COMPO-
NENT OF PROJECT BECAUSE TRAINEES: (1) WOULD BE TOP AND MID-LEVEL
MANAGERS OF PROJECT; (2) WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE TRAINING
TO OTHER THAIS IN THEIR OWN PROFESSION; (3) CANNOT BE TRAINED
EFFECTIVELY IN THAILAND AS THEY NEED DIRECT EXPOSURE TO U.S.
TRAINING FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES; PERSONAL OBSERVATION OF U.S.
TREATMENT/REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN ACTION AND ACTUAL PRACTICE
IN AN OJT (PRACTICUM) EXPERIENCE; AND (4) WOULD GAIN IMPORTANT
STATURE AMONG THEIR THAI COLLEAGUES WHICH RESULTS FROM PARTICIPA-
TION IN U.S. SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAMS. USAID/T CONCURS IN THIS
RATIONALE AND SUPPORTS U.S. TRAINING AS INITIALLY PROPOSED. USAID/T
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ALSO NOTES THAT DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTED US TO NEGOTIATE WITH THAIS
TO INCLUDE THIS U.S. TRAINING AS AN ELEMENT OF THIS PROJECT. WE
DID THIS AND THAIS ACCEPTED OUR POSITION. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE
THAI WOULD UNDERSTAND OUR REVERSING THIS INITIATIVE.

3. TRAINING COSTS (PARA 1.B. REFTEL)
A. BMHD PROJECT MANAGER HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE \$1,800 FOR SIX

ROUND TRIPS BANGKOK/HONG KONG FOR EACH OF FIVE YEARS. USG IS TO PROVIDE ONLY PER DIEM COST. IF ADDITIONAL TRAVEL FUNDS ARE REQUIRED FOR 3RD COUNTRY TRAINING, THEY WILL BE PROVIDED BY BMHD/DTEC.

B. BMHD INTENDS TO PERFORM FOLLOW-ON NRQFGING OF PERSONNEL NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT TREATMENT CENTERS. SEE BMHD PROPOSAL (ATTACHMENT - PROPOSED TRAINING FOR PERSONNEL). BMHD WILL PROVIDE ALL COSTS RELATED TO THIS TRAINING.

4. TRAINING SCHEDULE (PARA 1.C. REFTEL)

RE TRAINING SCHEDULE, BMHD HAS MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A. BECAUSE S/NM MUST REQUIRE PROAG, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO JANUARY 1. SINCE BMHD ANXIOUS TO COMMENCE U.S. TRAINING IN JANUARY 1978. WE REQUEST NIDA PROCEED WITH PLANNING GZ ASSURE ANTICIPATING APPROVAL OF PROAG) SO THAT PROJECT MAY BEGIN IN JANUARY 1978.

B. BMHD PLANS TO REQUEST FROM DTEC TRAVEL FUNDS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ONLY AND WILL UTILIZE REGULAR BUDGET FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT.

C. BMHD NOW PLANS TO SEND ONLY THREE DOCTORS FOR A TWO MONTH PRACTICUM EACH.

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5. CONTACTS WITH ONCB INDICATE THEIR DESIRE TO COORDINATE WITH APPROPRIATE HEALTH AGENCIES OF RTG ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROJECT AND PREVENTIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT. THE ASSISTANCE OF TDY EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD WILL BE DESIRED AND FORMAL REQUEST FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE IS BEING PREPARED BY ONCB. UPON RECEIPT OF THE FORMAL REQUEST THE SERVICES OF RETKA MOST WELCOME.

6. MOREOVER, DO NOT BELIEVE RETKA TDY TO ASSIST WITH FINALIZATION OF PROAG REQUIRED AT PRESENT. DRAFT PROAG WILL SOON BE POUCHED. AFTER REVIEW, IF S/NM BELIEVE SERVICES RETKA RE PROAG FINALIZATION NECESSARY MISSION WILL RECONSIDER.

7. REQUEST S/NM PROVIDE ESTIMATED COST OF U.S. TRAINING FOR INCLUSION IN PROAG. ACTUAL COST FIGURES WILL IMPROVE OUR POSITION IN NEGOTIATIONS.

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